from the working scientists for going into all pending cases as also future cases ; and

(d) whether Government also propose to give opportunity of personal appearance to the victim and those responsible for taking a decision before such a Committee in order to stop brain drain ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) The retired Naval officer, referred to in the Question, seems to be Shri B.K. Subbarao, retired Naval officer. On the basis of the investigations made by the Police authorities of the Government of Maharashtra, Shri Subbarao was prosecuted under Official Secrets Act, 1923 and Atomic Energy Act, 1962 for suspected espionage activities etc. The matter relating to his alleged harassment has been taken up with the Government of Maharashtra.

(b) to (d) If any specific case is brought to the notice of the Government, the matter can be looked into.

Pakistani-Akali Nexus

3587. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in a section of Press containing a statement reportedly been made by the Home Minister himself to the effect that there is 'Pakistani Akali' Nexus ; and

(b) what follow up Government have taken to ban political parties which are considered anti-national ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Facts are being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Dowry Victims

3588. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "System apathetic to dowry vicitms" which appeared in the 'Indian Express', New Delhi dated the 7th February, 1992 ;

(b) whether Government are aware of the cumbersome legal system, which takes years together, to establish the crime, which has become a common occurrence ;

(c) whether there is any rise in the incidence of dowry deaths and the slow legal system and police apathy and connivance helps the criminals to escape the punishment ; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to give more teeth to the existing dowry-related Laws ; establish Special Courts to try dowry crimes on day-to-day hearing basis and set down a time-limit in which the trial Court should give its verdict apart from arousing public conscience against the evils of dowry system and most horrifying killing of innocent women ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government are aware of the delay and difficulties involved in bringing the offenders to justice.

(c) The incidence of dowry deaths during 1989—91 does not show an increase, as can be seen from the enclosed statement. (*See* below

(d) The Department of Women and Child Development which is concerned with the Dowry Prohibition Act is reviewing the Legislation

Statement

Dowry deaths during the years 1989, 1990 *and* 1991

Sl. No.	State/UT	Years		
		1989	1990	1991
1	Andhra Pradesh	320	344	340
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
3	Assam	18	24	9
4	Bihar	228	243	153
5	Goa	0	0	0
6	Gujarat	51	125	70
7	Haryana	151	126	99
8	Himachal Pradesh	18	21	27
9	Jammu & Kashmir	7	8	6
10	Karnataka	175	216	189
11	Kerala	16	11	10
12	Madhya Pradesh	282	397	324
13	Maharashtra	690	888	760
14	Manipur	0	1	0
15	Meghalaya	0	0	0
16	Mizoram	0	0	0
17	Nagaland	0	0	0
18	Orissa	442	64	38
19	Punjab	78	103	98
20	Rajasthan	130	166	31
21	Sikkim	0	0	0
22	Tamil Nadu	1122	86	88
23	Tripura	9	5	5
24	Uttar Pradesh	1364	1516	1392
25	West Bengal	402	420	326
	UTs.			
26	Andaman Nicobar	0	0	0
27	Chandigarh	1	0	2

1	2	3	4	5
28	Daman & Diu	0	0	10
29	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
30	Delhi	109	102	178
31	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
32	Pondicherry	2	0	4

NOTE : This statement is based on the reply given to Rajya Sabha unstarred question No. 641 answered on 28-2-1992.

मध्य प्रदेश में बोहराओं का बहिष्कार

3589. **श्री सुब्रहमण्यम स्वामी :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 21 फरवरी, 1992 के नवभारत टाइम्स में "मध्य प्रदेश में बोहराओं का बहिष्कार शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर गया है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस दिशा में कोई जांच कराई है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) जी, हां, श्रीमान ।

(ख) और (ग) इस मामले में कोई कदम उठाने का प्रश्न तभी उठेगा जबकि बोहरा समुदाय के किसी व्यक्ति के साथ किसी निर्देश पर किसी प्रकार का सामाजिक भेदभाव का व्यवहार किया जाता है तथा खिन्न व्यक्ति संविधान के तहत अपने अधिकारों की मांग करेगा है । अतः सरकार द्वारा कोई जांच कराने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता है ।

बंगलादेशी घुसपैठियों का निर्वासन

3590. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बंगलादेश से अवैध ढंग से बड़ी संख्या में आने वाले घुसपैठिये पश्चिम बंगाल, बिहार तथा अन्य कई राज्यों में बस गये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो बंगला देश से घुसपैठ करने वाले लोगों की वर्षवार संख्या क्या है जो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारत में बस गये हैं और ये घुसपैठिए अधिक संख्या में कहां बसे हुए हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि वे दिल्ली में झुग्गी झोंपड़ियों में रह रहे हैं और विभिन्न आपराधिक गतिविधियों में अन्तर्ग्रस्त रहते हैं और साम्प्रदायिक वैमनस्य फैलाते हैं ;

(घ) क्या इनमें से किसी घुसपैठिए को सरकार द्वारा दण्डित किया गया है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार ने इन घुसपैठियों को वापिस भेजने के लिए कोई कार्यवाही की है और यदि हां,